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Andalusian pre-to-post-aspiration and the life cycle of sound change

Ander Egurtzegi, CNRS-IKER (Francia)

Más información: <https://egurtzegi.github.io/>

10:30 h

In this talk I analyze the change from pre- to post-aspirated /sp, st, sk/ clusters in Andalusian Spanish at the word boundary and within-words to assess whether post-aspiration has been lexicalized in the Western and / or Eastern varieties. The clusters were represented by voicing probability and high-frequency energy signals, i.e., proxies for the glottal and oral gestures needed to produce (intervocalic) aspirated voiceless plosives. The main modes of variation in the signals' shapes were analyzed with FPCA, which showed greater post-aspiration for younger than older speakers for within-word clusters, but not across word boundaries (with the only exception of the coronal cluster /st/). The results are unexpected in the context of the modular feed-forward approach to the life cycle of sound change, while exemplar theories might adapt better to the observed development.

11:30 h Pausa Café

How languages evolve to make communication efficient

Andrew Wedel, The University of Arizona (EE.UU)

Más información: <https://www.andywedel.com/>

12:00 h

In this talk I'll describe the ways that speaking and understanding language shape the forms of words and sound-patterns in language to make them easier to use, yet still effective in communication. How and why did 'porfa', and 'buen fin de' develop? Why was *ceceo* lost in so many Spanish dialects? As examples, I'll show results from our research showing how words in all languages evolve to become more effective carriers of meaning, and how the pronunciation rules of our languages evolve to support this. This talk will be accessible to a general audience.

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